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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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INVENTION: **A METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE UTILIZATION OF  
CONNECTING SECTIONS IN SYSTEMS IN WHICH  
INFORMATION IS TRANSMITTED IN DATA PACKETS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
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Sir:

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Please amend the above-identified International Application before  
entry into the National stage before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
under 35 U.S.C. §371 as follows:

**In The Specification:**

On page 1, cancel lines 1-6 and substitute therefor:

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**--SPECIFICATION****TITLE**

**A METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE UTILIZATION OF CONNECTING  
SECTIONS IN SYSTEMS IN WHICH INFORMATION IS TRANSMITTED  
IN DATA PACKETS**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to a method for optimizing the  
utilization of connecting sections in systems in which information is